

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to authorize conveyance of certain property held by the Rector and Visitors of the University of*
3 *Virginia.*

4 [H 1539]

5 Approved

6 Whereas, the Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia hold certain real property constituting
7 approximately 142 acres and several buildings located at the southeast intersection of Route 20 and
8 Interstate 64, and 17 acres located at the northwest intersection of Route 20 and Interstate 64; and

9 Whereas, the property is commonly known as the Blue Ridge Hospital Property (the Property); and

10 Whereas, the Property was conveyed to the Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia by the
11 Virginia Department of Health in 1978 and was used until recently as a mental health and rehabilitation
12 hospital; and

13 Whereas, all medical activities have ceased at the Property, several buildings are vacant and
14 dilapidated, and the only remaining use of the Property is a day care facility that will be closed by June
15 30, 2000; and

16 Whereas, the Property has significant economic value due to its location adjacent to Interstate 64;
17 and

18 Whereas, the Property has significant historical and environmental value due to its location at the
19 base of Monticello Mountain, the home of Thomas Jefferson; and

20 Whereas, the University of Virginia wishes to convey the Property to its affiliated real estate
21 foundation, the University of Virginia Real Estate Foundation (UREF), in order to develop the Property
22 into a research park that will support the educational and research missions of the University of Virginia
23 while preserving the natural beauty of Monticello Mountain; and

24 Whereas, the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation wishes to lease approximately 32 acres of the
25 Property in order to construct and operate a visitors center for tourists visiting Monticello; and

26 Whereas, disposition of the Property and plans for its future development and use should be
27 addressed in a manner that respects the Property's unique historical and environmental significance, and
28 considers its economic potential for the University of Virginia and the Commonwealth; and

29 Whereas, disposition of the Property should not be subject to the Commonwealth's surplus property
30 rules and regulations; now, therefore,

31 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

32 **1.** § 1. *Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Governor may authorize conveyance of the property*
33 *held by the Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia known as Blue Ridge Hospital on such*
34 *terms and conditions approved by the Governor and in a manner that respects the historical and*
35 *environmental significance of Monticello Mountain.*

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